

Banchory Community Council

Meeting on 10th September 2018 at Banchory Academy Library

Minute

Present : M. Lennox (ML) D. Conroy (DC) L. McNab (LM) V. Kerridge (VK) J. Wills (JW)
T. Tullet (TT) D. Milner (DM) A. Murison (AM) H. McNab (HM)
Cllr. R. Bruce (RB) Cllr. A. Ross (AR). Cllr. E. Durno tendered her apologies

Welcome and Apologies : ML welcomed all to the first meeting of the CC after the summer break. There were no other apologies.

Councillors Reports : Cllr. RB reported that the Council's new waste strategy was now out for public consultation and advised all to review and respond.

Further advised that bridge on the Cairn O Mount Road was closed for repairs until 4th October. Cllr. AR noted that this was not the first occasion the road had been closed. Consideration had been given to closing the road to heavy vehicles but this was thought impractical. The Council had no funds available for a wider replacement bridge.

Cllr. AR also referred to previous discussions on three Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) around Banchory. Noted that because discussion of the TPOs had been deferred to allow for further public consideration, they were now 'time barred' and the process had to be recommenced. Agreed BCC will monitor new procedure and advertise.

Councillors also noted that they had been advised that the Council's response (to Scot Gov.) to the Glendye Windfarm, would be made by Planning officers, without reference to Councillors.

Access Issues : BCC had received an enquiry about 3 access issues from Council access officer. Councillors confirmed that the path adjoining Banchory Academy was being looked at by Cllr. Durno, and was likely to be reinstated.

Cllr. Durno was also looking into the blocking of the path to the east of the Banchory Lodge Hotel. BCC had previously been advised by Aberdeenshire Council (AC) that the path between Inchmarlo Road, the golf course and the river bank, was difficult to substantiate as a public right of way, and this was reported back to the access officer.

Approval of AGM Minute : Subject to minor corrections, the approval of the AGM Minute was proposed by DM and seconded by JW. Approved unanimously

Approval of June Meeting Minute, and Matters Arising : Subject to several minor corrections, the approval of the Minute was proposed by JW and seconded by LM. Approved unanimously.

Arising from the Minute, ML reported that she had received confirmation from Marr Area office that it was in order to pay an honorarium to a Minute Secretary. All members to look out for suitable candidates.

ML also reported that feedback had been received from Cllr. Durno on the conditions under which the community might take on responsibility for maintaining playing fields. This had been passed on to those who had requested information, but there did not appear to be any local interest in taking on this task.

Correspondence :

a) The next Community Ward Forum will be on 19th September at Finzean Hall.

b) The Supporting Communities Event will be held next Saturday at Woodhill House.

c) A request was received from Deeside Cycle Club, regarding a proposed Banchory Cycle Race, to be held in 2020. LM had consulted BBA who were supportive. BCC agreed to support the event 'in principle', subject to wider consultation, and agreeing details of the routing and safety measures with Roads and Police.

d) HM reported that he had met with the consultants who were preparing the Feughdee West Community Action Plan. Noted that there were a lot of common issues, including education, health and social facilities. FWCC were hoping to publish a draft plan soon. HM to continue to liaise. e) LM reported that organizer of the Community Payback scheme was looking for potential projects with which they could assist. Cllr. AR noted that the gardens of the Scolty Ward at Glen O Dee could be tidied up. Agreed to advertise the availability of assistance on BCC Facebook page.

Treasurers Report : LM reported that the Youth 2000 fund balance stood at £3001.84, while the treasurers account held £429.50.

The BCC account stood at £1,743.08 – even allowing for several cheques which had still to be cashed.

Banchory Community Fund : LM reported the funds available for distribution now stood at £29,480.02

Two Applications for support from the fund had been received.

Deeside Dance for Parkinsons had requested £1000 to defray costs of dance leaders and musicians. Dance Studio would provide admin support FoC. It appeared that the application met the terms for eligibility, subject to the money (to be paid to Deeside Dance Studio) being 'ring fenced'. LM to obtain confirmation of 'ring fencing' and confirm the grant was acceptable to Windfarm operator.

Banchory Men's Shed (BMS) had asked for assistance with the funding of the construction of the Men's Shed at the British Legion. LM reported that several other grants had also been applied for. Agreed that the project was worthy of support, and to liaise further with BMS as to amount required, after outcome of other grant applications was known.

BCAP

Busy Banchory. This was a project designed to make the community more aware of adult

learning and other social opportunities available around Banchory. Originally to be a week long event held in the Guide Hut, it had now been scaled down to a stall at the Farmers Market on 15th September in order to better ascertain what people were looking for.

Banchory Heritage Hub . HM reported that the group had obtained funding to undertake a feasibility study, and a brief was being drawn up.

Other projects were dependent on the outcome of the LDP revue. TT reported no feedback from Alastair Ross on Banchory Academy.

ML reported that JC had asked at the last Town Team meeting whether BCC could recommend any further projects which the Town Team could support. Further renovation of the Town Hall was mentioned as an obvious candidate.

Banchory Show : VK reported on a successful presence at the show, where the presentations to the winners of the Keith White Award were made. Agreed it was worth repeating, perhaps at the Farmer's Market, or school related events. BCC executive to consider further.

Coat of Arms : ML reported that the grant from AC had come in and been paid to Lyon Court. CoA would likely be available no earlier than Jan / Feb 2019. A sub-committee to establish guidelines for the use of the CoA to be set up. Interested members should e-mail ML.

CC Representatives

a) Planning : HM reported little activity over the summer. No major planning apps. LDP Review was progressing, with preliminary reports going to Marr Area Committee in October. Main Issues Report still expected in the new year.

b) Police Liaison : DM reported the main issue appeared to be speeding. After discussion, it was agreed that offer from Police for BCC to fund speed cameras was not to be progressed.

DC reported on break in at B Academy, where the roof had been substantially damaged. Cost of repairs likely to have impact on curriculum funding. DC felt Police patrols around school would act as deterrent. DM will raise this at his next meeting.

c) Community Safety Forum : DM reported that advertising speed limits on bins had been discussed. Had been tried at Crathes, but unsure whether it was effective. WIP. Further advised that campaign to re-launch 'Snow Wardens' was discussed. Awaiting publicity.

LM reported that Crathes CC was interested in model used to prepare BCC Community Resilience Plan. DC to follow up interest.

d) Transport : VK reported that Stagecoach had suggested that revised timetable had meant that timetable was now more reliable. Agreed to publicise this on Facebook page. The next Bus Forum will be in Alford on 20th September.

e) BDI : ML reported no updates from BDI.

f) Glendye Windfarm : DC reported that the CC group had met last week. The lease for the

site has now been agreed, and the planning app is expected at end of September

g) Fetteresso Windfarm : DC reported that the promoters were planning a public consultation day in Banchory. The Town Hall or West Church Hall were suggested as potential venues.

h) Town Team : MI reported that The Living Streets Report, which was circulated before the summer, would be discussed at the next Town Team meeting.

Also noted that BBA were surveying members as to future direction of BBA.

Further reported that BDI were applying for 'Leader' funding to help support the appointment of a new 'Town Co-ordinator'. Part of remit would be fundraising, to sustain this role in the longer term.

AOCB : DM suggested all members should have a look at the Waste Recycling consultation.

ML noted that we had not been successful in recruiting younger members. No reply had been received from Banchory Academy as to suitable candidates. ML will contact the school again, and Cllr. AR offered to follow this up.

DC reported that candidates were potentially available from the senior Modern Studies class, but this had to be sanctioned by the Head Teacher.

Date of Next Meeting : Monday 8th October 2018 : 7.30pm at Banchory Academy in Room